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In re Application of  
William N. Keith  
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Filed: August 25, 2000  
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: PETITION DECISION  
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed June 1, 2004, requesting withdrawal of abandonment based on timely filing of a reply.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicant on February 12, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. On January 28, 2004, the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants for failure to file a reply to the Office action. Applicant states that a reply was filed on July 14, 2003, with a request for extension of time and fee therefore, and provides a copy thereof with a properly executed Certificate of Mailing and an Office date stamped postcard indicating Office receipt thereof. The original reply has not been located and the copy provided with the petition will be utilized in lieu thereof. In view of the timely reply, the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further action.**

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number

  
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